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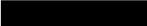
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1. Subject is a Syrian Christian, a well-known planter of Travancore. He was recently arrested by the United State of Travancore-Cochin (USTC) police for his alleged sympathy and financial assistance to the Communist Party of India (CPI), information to this effect having been found in party records seized in a police raid on the Kalady headquarters of the CPI.
2. Subject is a personal friend of K. C. George. He owns five or six rubber plantations and in the past has aided the party by sheltering underground leaders, giving facilities for training and study groups on his estates and by providing financial assistance for the families of Communist detenus.
3. During the last election in Travancore, Alexander financed and backed P. T. Punnoose, Secretary of the Kerala Provincial Committee of the CPI, against T. M. Verghese, political boss of the Travancore State Congress. The latter won by a narrow margin.
4. No legal action was taken against Alexander upon his arrest since he gave an understanding that he would never again assist the party. Of possible significance also is the fact that Chandrasekhara Nair* is a close friend of Alexander.

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*  Comment. Chandrasekhara Nair is the present Inspector General of Police in the USTC.

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